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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON MENTAL HEALTH, FEBRUARY
5-MARCH 4, 1978

REF: (A) BERLIN 8307, (B) STATE 244858, (C) STATE 005697

1. AS INDICATED REF (A), PAO ON NOV. 4 GAVE MFA CULTURAL SECTION BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON EIGHT IV PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PROJECT ON MENTAL HEALTH. WRITTEN SUMMARY PROVIDED MFA STATED THAT NOMINATIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT DUE NOVEMBER 30, AND WHEN FOLLOW-UP INQUIRIES PRODUCED NO INFORMATION OR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT, EMBASSY ASSUMED GDR HAD DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE. EMBASSY HAS, HOWEVER, JUST RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE, DATED JAN. 12, WHICH NOMINATES DR. JOCHEN NEUMANN, DIRECTOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER UNIVERSITY IN JENA. AT SAME TIME, EMBASSY RECEIVED NEUMANN'S PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATION.

2. REALIZE NOMINATION COMES VERY LATE, BUT EMBASSY WISHES TO ACCOMMODATE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. EMBASSY NOW ATTEMPTING TO REACH NEUMANN TO OBTAIN BIOGRAPHICAL DATA, STATEMENT OF INTERESTS, AND EVALUATE ENGLISH CAPABILITY AS PER REF (B).

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NEUMANN'S POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT JENA WOULD APPEAR TO MAKE HIM PRIMARY CANDIDATE FOR IV GRANT IF ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE IN ORDER.

3. THEREFORE REQUEST ADVISE IF NEUMANN CAN BE ADDED TO MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT AS DESCRIBED REF (C). IF SO, REQUEST POUCH IMMEDIATELY DS-1006 TO AUTHORIZE ALL FUNDING FOR

PROJECT, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. POST WILL PREPARE DSP-66 FORM AND ARRANGE FOR ISSUANCE OF J-L VISA. WILL CABLE BIOGRAPHICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS POST ABLE TO CONTACT NEUMANN. IF NEUMANN FOUND NOT QUALIFIED, DS-1006 WILL BE CANCELLED AND FUNDS DEOBLIGATED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE USE FOR OTHER GDR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

4. IF IMPOSSIBLE TO ADAPT PLANS TO INCLUDE NEUMANN AT THIS LATE DATE, EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY NEUMANN AND MFA, EMPHASIZING NECESSITY THAT FUTURE NOMINATIONS BE MADE IN TIMELY MANNER. REQUEST ADVISE. ALEXANDER

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